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Florida State All-Catholic Academic Competition Brings Florida high school students to Saint Leo

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"Name the boat from which Ahab attempted to catch Moby Dick from." "Name the capital of Alaska." "Name the planet in our galaxy that is closest to the sun." A barrage of questions such as these were asked at the annual Florida State All-Catholic Academic Competition.

From 9 a.m. until 3 on February 23, Selby Auditorium was the setting of Saint Leo University's long-standing Academic Competition. Approximately ten Catholic High Schools from across the state sent teams to participate in the Jeopardy-like event. The students and their faculty advisors remained on campus throughout the day and overnight.

Saint Leo students met and greeted the arriving teams and shared lunch with them. They also assisted in the competition by keeping score throughout the event.

Many of the Saint Leo students who volunteered their time and assistance were from the Honors Program. This gave them the "opportunity to showcase Saint Leo University and the Honors Program," as Dr. Criss, the Saint Leo Faculty Coordinator for the Academic Competition, put it.

"Most of [the visiting students] are in the top 5% of the student body of their high school, and this offered Saint Leo University the opportunity to recruit them," Criss added.

Courtesy Saint Leo University Public Relations

Winners, Cardinal Mooney: standing (left to right): Jeffrey Gordon (advisor), Amanda Cherno, Lisa Marie Loutinho, Erin Slattery; kneeling (left to right): Jeff DePree, Jacob Thomas

The Florida State All-Catholic Academic Competition is sponsored by the Admissions Office and hosted by the university annually. Faculty members from each area of study submitted questions for the competition and moderated for the teams, as well as acted as panel judges to solve any disputes that arose.

Circle K struggles with membership problems

Allison Myatt
Staff Writer

Circle K has struggled to maintain interest among the members that have joined the club this year.

Jessica Williams, secretary, treasurer and vice president; Curtis Robinson, webmaster and senator; and Shane Metzler, lieutenant governor, have been trying to keep the Club going for the last semester. With a lack of interest, however, that has not been an easy task.

"I joined Circle K because I wanted to help the community," Curtis Robinson, freshman, said. However, the club has not helped the community much this year. According to Jessica Williams, freshman, Circle K members helped their sponsoring Kiwanis club in Dade City with the Monster Mash in October, but since then the ten active members have dropped down to three.

Both Jessica and Curtis believe the poor membership and the lack of community involvement is due to the poor leadership they. The lack of involvement and membership has put the Circle K national charter in jeopardy. In order to keep the national charter, the club needs to have twenty active members.

Whoever said that one person cannot make a difference has never seen the effect one person has on Circle K. "Every member makes a difference. I would like to see this problem remedied by having more members show up at our meetings, projects, and the conventions that we go to," Junior Shane Metzler, former president and current lieutenant governor, said. With more members the club can be more active because there is more than one person

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Courtesy Circle K

Back in its glory days, Circle K took on many projects, such as the cleanup shown here.

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SACS Committee passes judgement

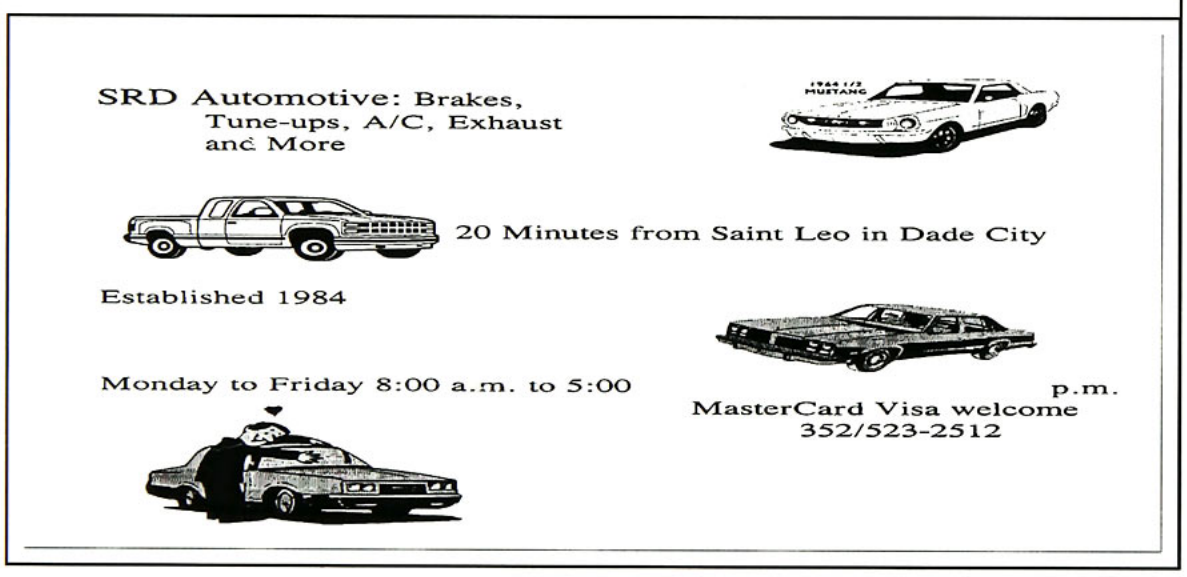
Paulina Russell
Staff Writer

The twenty-six representatives from SACS, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, have submitted their recommendations for Saint Leo University. While there is work to be done, Dr. Astolfi stated that there is no concern that the college will be unable to meet the requirements.

There are "487 'must' statements in the SACS litany for an institution that must be met," Dr. Astolfi informed Saint Leo Student Government Union on Monday, February 27. Out of this number, SACS examiners gave Saint Leo 61 recommendations. Dr. Astolfi assured them this number was not a surprise.

Recommendations mean changes must be made to meet SACS criteria. Of the 61 recommendations made, approximately twenty-five are paperwork related, such as keeping an updated calendar in the student catalog. This particular problem will be fixed with the new catalog in August. Another recommendation concerned the current use of PODS to store college records. Dr. Astolfi stated that the records will be moved back to other locations as soon as the construction on St. Edwards Hall is completed.

Many of the other recommendations concern Saint Leo's off-site campuses. Library services at these sites need to be more consistent, and faculty must be added as needed. Too, Faculty credentials for some of the off-site instructors will also be upgraded, including offering an online course to management course instructors free of charge. This will, according to Dr. Astolfi, clear up seven of the recommendations.



Greek life flourishes

Nikki Franchini
Staff Writer

During the second week of the semester, all of the students at Saint Leo University had a chance to learn about the Greeks on campus. A variety of activities were planned every night for a week, ranging from games to parties. If there were other students interested in becoming Greek this semester, they missed their chance.

Now all of the associate members, or "pledges," are going through initiations with their individual sorority or fraternity of choice. These initiations can range from dressing like one another to spending quality time together. In pledging, they learn more about the members and the foundation of the organization.

Greek Week was a chance for the sororities and fraternities on campus to get their names out there, make some money, and have some fun while doing it.

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Changes made to halls

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Residence Life has recognized that changes need to be made in some of the residence halls.

The main buildings Plant Operations are going to be working on this summer are Benoit and Henderson. According to Tony Thompson, Assistant Director of Residence Life, the main focus is doors on both buildings. Residence Life is hoping to replace the main doors with ones that are sturdier and will last longer and have a new security alarm. They are also hoping to turn the wing doors into fire exits that will not be accessible by key and will have a tamper-proof alarm. This will also lead to the extension of sidewalks from the main door to the parking lot.

There are several reasons these types of changes need to be made. The main reasons are to make students feel safe and to stop theft. At the same time, Residence Life is trying to create a sense of community with resident assistants. "This will allow resident assistants to see the residents as they come into the building," Thompson said.

Other than the doors, Residence Life is looking into fixing the leaks in the showers by re-piping areas.

Another change they hope to make is to reshape the volleyball court in between Benoit and Henderson. Residence Life would also like to beautify the area around all the residence halls. There are also plans to make changes that are not top priorities, like adding new carpet to the lounge areas.

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Saint Leo University convenes Health Fair

Paulina Russell
Staff Writer

The Saint Leo University Health Fair, held from 10 a.m. to 2 on February 21, was a huge success.

Many students took the time to donate blood or just browse through the exhibits set up in the cafeteria.

Many local organizations were represented at the Health Fair, including Deaf Services Center, The Pasco County Sheriff's Department, Hospice, YMCA, and Pasco Regional Medical Center. Tampa Aids Network, The American Cancer Society, and Lupus Foundation of America were showing informative videos. Drs. Robert and Marion Booker demonstrated acupuncture and stress reduction, and the Nikken Health Product Company exhibited magnetic devices to alleviate back pain.

Dr. MJ Price added excitement to the day by teaching belly dance techniques. Dr. MJ, best known as a "pet" columnist and radio personality, held book-signing sessions.

Raffles were held as well. Free t-shirts, cups, key chains and sample hygiene products were given out to students. At the tables, informational pamphlets were available from organizations like the Rape Crisis Center of Dade City. Representative Larry Reidt stated,

Courtesy Saint Leo University Public Relations

Saint Leo University students gave blood and new hope for others at the Health Fair.

"Nineteen year-old females on college campuses are number one for victimization of sexual assault, and they don't tell. That's what [victims] have to start doing in order to get help." The center has professional counselors available free to everyone.

In front of the cafeteria, a rollover simulator demonstrated the serious complications of drinking and driving.

Activities were held indoors due to the smoke from the Polk County fires.

Saint Leo student likely has meningitis

Ryan Davis
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SAINT LEO -- A Saint Leo University sophomore has apparently been stricken with bacterial meningitis, a contagious and potentially fatal disease.

The disease has become a growing concern on college campuses, especially in dormitories, according to the Meningitis Foundation of America.

The student, whose name was withheld by the school, was very sick Friday morning but began responding to intravenous antibiotic treatment during the day, said Dr. Marc Yacht, director of the Pasco County Health Department.

"He's alert and doing much better," university spokeswoman Jenifer LeBeau said.

The scary episode, which has become increasingly familiar in the Tampa Bay area in recent weeks, started Wednesday night when friends found the student nearly incoherent in his room, LeBeau said.

"He was delirious and he was shaking violently," sophomore Jay Kubica said.

He was scheduled that night to work as a resident assistant in Marmion-Snyder Hall, a freshman dormitory where he lived, said his friends, who are also RAs.

Friends became worried when he didn't report for his shift or answer his phone or door, they said, so they had the resident director, a live-in staff member, open his room.

He said he didn't want to go to the hospital, but when he got out of bed and began to get ready for class at 9 p.m. – thinking it was 9 a.m. -- they took him to East Pasco Regional Medical Center, they said.

The usually talkative and energetic student was pale, sweaty and complaining of chest pains, his friends said. A little more than a day earlier he was feeling fine.

On Thursday night, doctors

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Academic Excellence Day will show student talent

Paulina Russell
Staff Writer

A special day is being set aside at Saint Leo University to celebrate student achievement. The afternoon of Thursday, April 26 will include opportunities for students who have excelled academically and with special projects to present their work to the student body.

Hour long sessions will begin at 1, 2 and 3 p.m., with six different rooms being occupied for students' papers and presentations.

Freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors will be participating in Saint Leo's first Academic Excellence Day. Senior papers will be presented, and other students who are "doing particularly good academic work[will be] invited to participate also," Dr. Randy Criss mentioned. He will be one of at least eighteen faculty members overseeing the classrooms.

There will be six simultaneous presentations in classrooms around the campus for each of these three sessions. The three hours of Natural Sciences will include, Dr. Criss explained, "a mix of student presentations, hands-on displays, and dramatic recitations. Including these elements with the science projects adds more interest than you might expect, while preserving the forum to represent academic excellence in the student body."

The three sessions will be paralleled by an art and photography display in the Lions Lounge from 1 to 4.

Dr. Wozniak, Dean of Arts and Sciences, stated that this is "an opportunity for students to showcase to a larger audience what they are doing in class. A student presentation may be a poem, a play, a paper, a musical composition, or even a piece of [computer] code."

In order to encourage faculty and student attendance and participation, students and faculty will receive ballots and will be able to vote for favorite presentations in each classroom. The top scores for the entire day's presentations will receive gift certificates to the Abbey Tavern. There will be two $100, three $50 and four $25 gift certificates given.

There will also be awards presentations at the end of each session where certificates will be distributed.

"The idea [of Academic Excellence Day] is to build

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Profiles

Paris coaches first women's soccer team

Jason Parker
Staff Writer

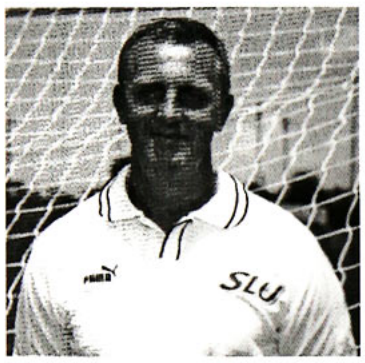
Coaching Saint Leo women's soccer this year, and coaching as an assistant coach for the men's soccer team, is Tony Paris.

The women's team had a tough inaugural season last year. Coach Paris has eight returning players from last year's original group. Recruiting players this year has taken him as far as Virginia, North Carolina, and Miami, plus many trips to other parts of Florida.

"Recruitment is going well, and I hope to pick up at least 10 new recruits by fall," Coach Paris said.

His team aims to be competitive this fall, and he anticipates a much better season. They want to defeat teams like Barry and Lynn, and win the conference this year.

Coach Paris has been there before. His credentials show him as 1999 Coach of the Year and a 1999 UEFA Cup Qualifier. Coach Paris has coached and played soccer all over the world. He coached a National Team at the Faroe Islands and was Northeast Raiders Director of coaching as well as Azalea Soccer Director of coaching.



Courtesy Saint Leo University Intercollegiate Athletics

Coach Tony Paris

He brings in his experience of playing professional soccer in England, the Netherlands, South Africa, Denmark, and Austria. With this professional experience, he is going to be very useful to the Saint Leo soccer squads this year.

Chinese professor crosses ocean, enrolls at Saint Leo

Jason Parker
Staff Writer

A student by the name of Jerry Wang started at Saint Leo University last fall.

Before this, he taught at Jilan University in China for 12 years in Geology and Natural Resource Economics. He has a Bachelor of Science in Geology and a Master of Science in Satellite Technology. He is currently working on a Ph.D. in Natural Resource Economics.

Wang came from China wanting to finish his master's degree in Business Administration at Saint Leo.

He plans to go back to Jilan and teach these fields of study to the students there. Jilan is an enormous university, and can be seen at www.jlu.edu.cn. The architectural quality of this school is very fine and modernized.

Wang also works in China as a business company consolidator while he teaches at Jilan.

The atmosphere is enjoyable for Wang at Saint Leo. "The campus here is beautiful, and the faculty and students are very friendly," Wang said.

He enjoys having small classes where there is a great deal of opportunity for interpersonal communication. From his experience in teaching over the years, he thinks it is good to have small classes because the teachers are able to pick up on some good ideas from the students. That way, they can better their own line of work. Classes at Jilan are very big, and large amounts of scheduled and unscheduled time to speak with professors is not available.

Wang will spend one year to complete a Master's degree in Business Administration. His teaching at Jilan will continue as planned.

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Media Club Airs first Broadcast

Paulina Russell
Staff Writer

On Monday, February 11, Saint Leo's first Media Club was approved by SGU.

The students, many of whom are commuters, decided to "jump right in and begin production of a news cast," as one club officer stated.

The first broadcast was aired Wednesday, February 21 and included a brief overview of the upcoming weekend's activities, sports, breaking news and a call for new members.

The session was taped the day before airing, with three new members signing on.

The club is open to all Saint Leo students with an interest in media. Very few members have extensive experience at this time; most are students interested in learning about producing a television broadcast and will learn different aspects of the process.

Meetings are held every Monday at 12:30. Unless otherwise noted the meetings will be in Crawford Room 2.

Samaritans spread Valentine's cheer

Paulina Russell
Staff Writer

Students from Saint Leo University Samaritan Club hosted a Valentine's Day Party for approximately thirty-five Boys and Girls Club members of Pasco County on Tuesday, February 13th.

The third graders made valentines and Valentine's Day crafts. Creativity was encouraged by the Samaritans, who assisted with valentines made for parents, siblings, and best friends. After the Valentines were finished, the students made decorative hearts out of pipe cleaners and beads.

Refreshments were provided by Scotty's of Dade City, Winn Dixie of Dade City, and Kash & Karry of Zephyrhills.

The Boys and Girls Club members presented the Samaritans with a special valentine, signed by all the participants.

Courtesy Paulina Russell

Samaritans member Janet Samancioglu embodies the Valentine's Day spirit as she helps three youngsters from the Boys and Girls Club of Pasco County make a valentine.

This event is one of many that the organization hosts throughout the year. The club assists with youth groups regularly and plans projects that help both Saint Leo students and the community.

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Lions Baseball rebuilds team after losing seniors

Dave McCarron
Staff Writer

Going into the 2001 season, Head Coach Ed Stabile and the Saint Leo University baseball team had to find a way to build upon last season's marks.

However, the task at hand would not be an easy one because the Lion's had lost seven of last year's starters, including offensive standout, Cayetano Landeros. In addition to the loss of Landeros, Saint Leo had to overcome the absence of most of their pitching staff from last year.

So far, Coach Stabile has been counting on the upperclassmen of this year's team to help cushion the blow of the seniors lost to graduation.

"So far, the guys we got in there are doing a good job," Coach Stabile said.

This year's squad, a team which has six seniors and eleven juniors, has compiled a 7-7 overall record and appears to be ready to get conference play underway.

As of Feb. 12, Senior Raul Cruz was leading the team with a .538 batting average while also being the high man with 28 hits. Junior 1B, Trevor Hall, who has basically been a starter throughout his career at Saint Leo, leads the team in RBIs (23) as well as home runs (7).

Seniors Matt Krot, Robbie Sparks, and Erik Shafer, along with Junior Josh Neitz, are also contributing at the plate for the Lions.

In the 2000 season, much of the pitching load was carried by seniors. Brian Grassing, David Macca, and Joe Riccardi all had over 90 innings pitched last year. Stabile and the Saint Leo baseball team went into this year with little starting pitching experience.

Leading the way so far is Junior Pat Hudspeth. As of Feb. 12, Hudspeth, who is from Palm Harbor, FL, has compiled a 2-0 record in relief work and has a 1.84 ERA. Sophomore Eric Paone is tops on the club with 27.0 innings pitched and also leads the team in strikeouts. As a result of the lack of pitchers, Coach Stabile has called upon infielders Neitz and Hall to spend some time on the mound.

Considering the losses of vital players, the season is going fine.

"In some ways, this can be considered a rebuilding year for us. When you lose your top three pitchers, along with your closer, and then you lose your one, two, and three hitters in the line up, you're going to definitely feel some damage," Coach Stabile stated.

But Coach Stabile and the Lions are not disappointed.

"With all our losses, our hitting is coming along, and we are doing decent," he said.

Henley's "Inside Job"

Mark A. Relano
Staff Writer

Don Henley's "Inside Job" entered and left the music charts so quickly that one may not have even been aware of its existence. Notwithstanding, the CD's lack of staying power did not keep the CD from receiving a Grammy nomination for "Best Pop Vocal Album" this year.

The sometime Eagles band member, sometime solo artist, has released his fourth studio effort. "Inside Job" has its good and bad moments. Henley has always co-written his songs with several partners, some who have been with him since his very first solo effort. But one of these collaborators, Danny Kotchmar, only plays instruments on two of the tracks on Henley's latest CD.

Kotchmar co-produced Henley's first three projects and has co-written some of Henley's biggest hits, such as "Not Enough Love In the World," "Sunset Grill" and "New York Minute." Kotchmar is also responsible for writing "All She Wants to Do is Dance." Henley does write with some of his veteran partners on "Inside Job," but has picked up some new songwriters. This may account for the lack of musical synergy on about half of the tracks.

The CD opens with a great number called "Nobody Else in the World But You." The song blends rock and roll with a touch of jazz and is topped with a powerful, and sometimes guttural, vocal by Henley. As the title suggests, the song is about someone who is self-absorbed. Eagles band mate Glenn Frey and music legend Stevie Wonder lend their creative talents to the song, and it is a great beginning for the CD.

"Taking You Home," the following song, is an inspirational ballad that really speaks to the heart. The superbly crafted track displays Henley and longtime collaborator Stan Lynch's skill in the fine art of production. The lyrics tell of Henley's good, but incomplete, life until meeting his true love.

"For My Wedding" is the next song on "Inside Job" and is written by an unfamiliar composer. The song contains a sweet sentiment but has a lackluster, acoustic guitar performance. The song misses the mark and remains boring and flat.

The track "Workin' It" seems comparable to "Get Over It" from the Eagles' "Hell Freezes Over" CD. Nevetheless, the song is good. "Goodbye to a River" pays homage to Texas author John Graves and his 1960 book of the same title. The song's bridge on "... River" summarizes the theme of the song: "*The dirty water washes down / Poisoning the common ground / Taking sins of farm and town / And bearing them away / The captains of industry / And their tools on the hill / They're killing everything divine / What will I tell this child of mine?*"

Overall, "Inside Job" emits a paranoid and cynical view of the world. The last verse echoes the sentiment: "*Insect politics / Indifferent universe / Bang your head against the wall / But apathy is worse.*"

"They're Not Here, They're Not Coming," "Damn It, Rose," "Annabel" and "Miss Ghost" are all mediocre tracks at best and have none of Henley's usual dynamism. The CD does end on a positive note.

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Jill Scott: Who is she?

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Jill Scott is a relatively new presence in the music scene although she has already received a Grammy for co-writing the song "You Got Me" with the R&B group, The Roots. Scott was also nominated in the "Best New Artist" category at the 2001 Grammy Awards for her debut CD, "Who is Jill Scott?" She did not pick up the award but truly should have won.

Scott's candid, vulnerable and refreshing outlook reverberates throughout her whole disc. Scott takes a unique amalgam of older, black influences, like Soul, R&B, Jazz and Gospel, and mixes them with Hip-Hop to create a clean and original sound. One of Scott's biggest influences is Sarah Vaughn, and one can hear the similarities intermittently.

The CD begins with an introduction called "Jilltro," which captures her honest quality through spoken dialogue taped during a radio interview. The intro is only about a minute long, and then the song seques into "Do You Remember." This song speaks to past and present Africans and African-Americans.

The song, "Exclusively," has Scott and her "man" making love endlessly and later becoming hungry. Scott offers to run to the store, but wants to hurry back for more "lovin'." The lyrics pick it up from there, "*At the market the people were pushin' and shovin' / Tryin' to be the next in line but the turn was mine / The new girl at the counter was ... cute / Not as fine as me / Was this woman's intuition? Some kind of insecurity? / Naw, 'cuz my man is happy at home loving me exclusively.*"

The "piece de resistance" on Scott's CD is "A Long Walk." The video for this song has been in rotation on BET and VH1. Even on the video is simple and ingenuous: just Scott dressed in jeans walking around interacting

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Breakfast eaten in USA

Mark A. Relano
Staff Writer

In 1978, Supertramp toured the United States to receptive audiences following the success of their album "Even in the Quietest Moments." "Give a Little Bit" was a top ten song off the album, and they were welcomed with open arms by U.S fans. To bestow gratitude on the rock and rollers who supported their tour, Supertramp released "Breakfast in America."

Supertramp must have been ecstatic with the American response because they created one of the best pop/rock albums of all time. The album blends the band's signature keyboard sound with a lyrical diary of their tour." Breakfast in America" yielded several hit songs including "Goodbye Stranger," "The Logical Song" and one of the album's best tracks "Take the Long Way Home."

The album ends with a powerful piece entitled "Child of Vision." The song addresses the stagnancy of a routine life and the lack of motivation, "*How can you live in this way / Why do you think it's so strange? / You must have something to say / Tell me why I should change.*" The song incites passive people to become active.

"Breakfast in America" never received any Grammy Awards, with the exception of an art direction win for best album cover, which is not related to the music. Supertramp may not have been the best band of the 1970s-early 80s, but "Breakfast in America" remains a tour de force. Every song is an extraordinary work, and the album (now on CD) sounds as good as it did 22 years ago.

Residence Life provides too much community?

Dave McCarron
Staff Writer

A big part of the college experience is dorm life. After a student is accepted by a university or college, the next high-stress situation is meeting people once he gets to school.

Dormitories, or Residence Halls, as they are referred to on this campus, present an excellent environment for incoming freshman to meet and make friends. The reason is that everyone is in the same position. Every student involved in the first couple of weeks of college is on the same nervous boat, and the dorm environment eases the tension. Take Marmion/Snyder, for instance. The bland rooms, coupled with the lack of entertainment in the area, make for a great place to socialize and form relationships.

Dorm life is a part of American life. The atmosphere is duplicated in movies all the time. Go on the Internet and see how many websites you can find that have cameras set up in dorm rooms.

Many students are experiencing being away from home for the first time.

When asked why she likes to live in the Residence Halls at Saint Leo, Freshman Charlene Depusoii said, "It's far away from home."

However, the glamour of fellowship and the eagerness to meet people tend to wear off somewhat as time goes by, and Residence Halls tend to loose their appeal as well.

So when it is time for students to take the next step in becoming more independent, the logical choice is to move off campus. But at Saint Leo, it is not that simple.

The Residence Life Department here on campus has placed a number of rules regulating who can and cannot live off campus.

A few of them are obvious. If you are married, a veteran, or live at home you are not forced to live on campus. Likewise, if you were involved in a full internship, you would not have to live here. Credit hours, or lack thereof, is probably the biggest factor in deciding whether a student can or cannot move off campus. Residence Life will grant you permission to move off-campus if you exceed 90 credit hours.

Why does the school try so hard to keep their students on campus?

"It's for the development of students and to help them become more involved," Tony Thompson, Assistant Director of Residence Life, said.

"It is really more of a transitional thing for the younger students. It helps them gain access to things like the gym and the library and provides a support staff."

The Residence Life Department is adamant about the rules and regulations regarding off campus living, but they admit that there are always exceptions.

Luckily for the students dealing with the on/off campus struggles, the University is clearly expanding, and the need for moving away from Saint Leo might dwindle.

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For Marmion and Snyder, Residence Life is tossing around the idea of removing the non-movable furniture so residents can find better ways to use their space.

Since Roderick and Alumni are fairly new buildings, improvements are not much of a priority. However, some students would like to see locks added to the doors in the quads so they feel a little safer than just having the one lock on the main door.

Residence Life is trying to have the changes done over the summer, so students will return to a safer campus in the fall.

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who would like to take part in a service action, rather than just one.

The remaining members would like to see the club become more active in the rest of the year, but after a poor first semester the current three members lack the motivation that is needed to go out and help the community. Before Circle K can become more active, the members must boost the membership rating to have a club, rather than three people sitting in the cage and calling that a meeting.

If helping the community is something you would like to do, then you can one of attend a Circle K's meetings. You can also see what the club accomplished last year when they had more members and a strong leadership by going to http://video.saintleo.edu/circlek. Support your local Circle K.

Academic, from pg.3

a tradition at Saint Leo of recognizing the academic achievements of our student body. They are numerous, and we hope for more in the future," Dr. Criss asserted. "This will encourage and uplift others to reach for higher goals."

While an Academic Excellence Day did not occur last year, attempts were made to organize one. This is "an idea that has been brewing for some time," Dr. Criss stated. "This may be the first of many chances for students to participate in all aspects of academic excellence, including the celebration of it."

"The details are still taking shape," Dr. Criss added. Presenters are being chosen by faculty moderators, but interested students can also contact faculty members for more information.

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Oddly enough, the board game "Life" does a good job of describing your actual life.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)
Nice tie.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)
In the upcoming week, years of diet warnings will come true as you become what you eat.

Leo (July 23 - August 22)
Friends may come and friends may go, but that car in your front yard isn't moving until you do.

Virgo (August 23 - September 22)
You'll travel back in time to alter history for the better, but will only succeed in giving Alanis Morissette the inspiration for her "Ironic" song.

Libra (September 23 - October 23)
You may not believe it, but there's a reason those tags say, "Do not remove."

Scorpio (October 24 - November 21)
Mr. T's simple, yet poignant wisdom will solve all your problems this month.

Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21)
You'll have plenty of time to write that paper when you're living in a VAN down by the RIVER.

Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)
You resolve to seek happiness as the ultimate good in your life and find it your TV set.

Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)
After years of watching the nightly news, you'll finally discover a surefire way of telling which anchors are wearing pants and which aren't.

Pisces (February 19 - March 20)
Take 2 capsules by mouth, 2 times daily for 2 days. Rinse, then repeat until desired results achieved.

Scott, from pg. 6

with people. The song is about enjoying the basic pleasures in life with a companion.

An excerpt from the refrain of "A Long Walk" displays Scott's talent for words, "*Let's take a long walk around the park after dark / Find a spot for us to spark / Conversation, verbal elation, stimulation / Share our situations, temptations, education, relaxations, elevations / Maybe we can talk about Revelations 3:17.*"

One of the best lyrics on Scott's CD comes from the track "Watching Me." Once again, the contemporary theme of paranoia and being constantly observed emerges as seen in this lyrical segment, "*...I think, sense, feel man like I'm under some kind of microscope / Satellites over my head, transmitters in my dollas.*"

The lyric then continues, "*Hawkin', watchin', scopin', jockin' / Scrutinizin' me, Checkin' to see what I'm doin', where I be, who I see, how and where and with whom I make my money / What is this? / Excuse me Miss / May I have your phone number and social security? / Who me? When all I came to do is buy some double or triple A batteries? Please, I decline.*" One can see the mixture of poetry and ethnic vernacular Scott utilizes in her lyrics.

In another song, "Brotha," Scott asks and answers the archaic question, "*Am I my brother's keeper (?) / Yes I am!*" Track 17, "Show Me," appears to be the last song when listening to Scott's CD, but it is not. The next song is listed as 44. There are four seconds of emptiness on all 27 tracks between 17 and 44.

After song 44 plays, there is silence again for a short time, but then once again a song comes forth (on the same track). This unusual format is another aspect of the inimitable Jill Scott's innovation.

The music world will be hearing more about this artist in the years to come, especially if she is allowed to experiment and grow. If one has a taste for the eclectic, then "Who is Jill Scott?" is a must-have. Incidentally, Scott's CD is the first release on DJ Jazzy Jeff's new record label Hidden Beach Recordings.

Henley, from pg. 6

"My Thanksgiving" is an upbeat pop number with some of Henley's classic sound.

While there is some of the Henley magic on "Inside Job," about half of the songs fall short of the usually excellent songwriting and craftsmanship this artist has delivered in the past.

Meningitis, from pg. 3

said they were "99.5 percent sure" the boy has meningococcal meningitis, a bacterial form of the disease, LeBeau said.

Sixteen Saint Leo students who have had close contact with the student, including the four resident assistants who found him, are being treated with precautionary antibiotics, LeBeau said.

But the general public should not be concerned about catching the disease from the student, Yacht said.

However, Yacht stressed the importance of personal hygiene in preventing the spread of meningitis.

"Is the bug out there? Yes," he said. "Will most people be affected by it? No."

The potentially fatal disease can be spread by sharing eating utensils, drinks and cigarettes, Yacht said. It can also be spread by kissing.

In the United States, meningococcal meningitis kills about 300 people annually, including five to 15 college students, according to the Meningitis Foundation of America. Freshmen living in dormitories are six times more likely to get the disease than an average person.

The disease causes swelling of the brain and spinal cord and can result in brain damage, hearing loss, learning disability and loss of limbs, according to the MFA.

It's the second reported case in Pasco of bacterial meningitis – the only kind tracked by the health department – this year, Yacht said. A Pasco child contracted the disease at a school in Pinellas earlier this year.

Last weekend, a 13-year-old Manatee County boy died from the disease. About a month ago, four students in Pinellas were hospitalized with meningitis in nine days.

There were four reported cases in Pasco last year, Yacht said.

"It's very hard to understand why a person developed meningitis," Yacht said. "Most healthy people will not."

Word spread quickly around the compact Saint Leo campus, students said. About 1,600 students take classes on the campus, but only 455 live there, LeBeau said.

"It's pretty scary if you think about it," said freshman Jeff Lynch, who lives in the same dorm as the sick student.

But many students have been distracted, Lynch and other students said. The conclusion of a week of midterm examinations and the start of spring break Friday night diverted attention from the disease, students said.

Some students in the freshman dormitory finished midterms early and left campus Thursday, unaware that a classmate had meningitis, freshmen Dannette Rosado and Dorothy Petersen said.

University officials said on Friday that they were mailing a letter home to students and their families to make sure everyone knew about the case of meningitis.

A previously scheduled vaccination will be held on campus March 21 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., LeBeau said. Vaccinations will cost $85.

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